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STANLEY BATHING TRAGEDY Young Police Officer Fatally Injured By Shark

Courageous Rescue In Vain

A POPULAR HONG KONG POLICE OFFICER, SWIMMING AT TWEED BAY BEACH AT STANLEY LAST EVENING, WAS SO SEVERELY MANGLED BY A SHARK THAT HE DIED WITHIN A MINUTE OF HIS RESCUE FROM THE WATER.

VICTIM OF THIS SHOCKING TRAGEDY, WHICH OCCURRED CLOSE INSHORE, WHEN HE WAS VIRTUALLY THE ONLY PERSON LEFT IN THE WATER, WAS

SERGEANT H. W. JACKSON, 31 YEARS OF AGE, A NATIVE OF LONDON, AND A MEMBER OF THE FINGERPRINT DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLICE.

Dramatic poignancy was lent to the grim story of the fatality when it was learned last evening that Sergeant Jackson's name was originally down among those of the police to sail for the United Kingdom in H.M.S. Smiler on Saturday. Circumstances intervened to postpone his departure, and he met with a tragic death when he might have been on the high seas.

The incident occurred round about six o'clock in the evening. Most bathers had left the water, but Sergeant Jackson was still disporting himself near the rocks on the left-hand side of the beach, popularly known as the "Diving Rocks."

Among those still on the beach were Captain A. N. Braude, of the H.K. Telephone Company, and Mrs. Braude, and a number of Canadians.

Suddenly, Jackson was heard to give a cry of terror, and within a few seconds, the water in his immediate vicinity was red with blood.

Captain Braude immediately dived in to Jackson's rescue and pulled him, now already unconscious from shock and loss of blood, to the rocks. Captain Braude was unequal to the task of pulling the body on to the rocks, but he was soon given ready assistance by the Canadians, and it

was seen at once that Sergt. Jackson was virtually beyond medical assistance.

BEYOND AID

Mrs. Braude, who is a nurse, rendered what first aid was possible in the circumstances, but Jackson died within a minute of his being brought ashore.

He was gruesomely mangled. The shark had savaged him on the left of the body, tearing a gaping wound that had almost severed the buttock and left leg.

The extraordinary feature of the unfortunate affair, of course, is that any attack by a shark occurred at all, especially by a vicious creature of the large size that could alone account for the terrible injuries inflicted. Small sharks are fairly frequently caught in the waters round Hong Kong, but incidents of alarm to bathers have been so exceedingly rare that danger from sharks has never entered the minds of the thousands who swim from local beaches in normal times.

One theory voiced last night was that a big and dangerous shark may have followed one of the naval craft to Hong Kong from Pacific Island waters.

PROFOUND SHOCK

Sergeant Jackson, whose funeral will take place to-day, was one of the most popular and promising members of the Force, marked for speedy promotion. He was a man of high intelligence, with a wide range of interests, and was given important duties in the Fingerprint Department, soon after he was posted to the Force. He had been engaged in re-organising the Fingerprint Department since his release from Stanley Internment Camp.

Thirty-one years of age, he was a native of London, and a Public School boy. Tall, slim and fair-haired, he enjoyed a wide circle of friends in all sections of the community, to whom news of the tragedy came as a profound shock.

GERMAN RUMOUR Factories Busy

London, Sept. 23.—Rumour factories are working at full blast. Many Germans believe that Hitler spoke over the Japanese radio just before Japan collapsed, and that he promised to return to Germany in five years.

Another rumour, circulated in the hope of splitting the Allies, is of an imminent war between America and Russia, while yet another is to the effect that Germany will become a British Dominion.—Reuter.

American Airmen's Escape

FIVE AMERICAN AIRMEN, FROM A PLANE WHICH CRASHED INTO THE SEA IN MID-PACIFIC, HAVE JUST ARRIVED AT PORT DARWIN.

They were adrift on a raft for several days but finally were cast on an island, garrisoned by Japanese, who looked after them, and "radioed for a plane" to come to their rescue.

Their plane made a forced landing on the ocean on August 27, and before they reached safety, two others, a major aged 29 and a lieutenant aged 26 had died on the raft of privation.—Australian Radio.

HADAMAR TRIAL FIXED

BERLIN, SEPT. 23.—IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT THE FIRST OF FIVE GREAT CONCENTRATION CAMP TRIALS IN THE AMERICAN ZONE OF OCCUPATION WILL OPEN ON OCTOBER 10.

Then seven guards from the infamous Hadamar Camp, where thousands were killed by poison injections, will face a Military Court at Wiesbaden.

The trials of guards from Dachau, Nordhausen and Buchenwald, will follow.—Reuter.

600 INTERNEES FROM SHANGHAI COMING

SIX HUNDRED BRITISH CIVILIANS RELEASED FROM THE INTERNMENT CAMPS IN AND AROUND SHANGHAI ARE TO BE SENT TO HONG KONG FOR REHABILITATION AND, POSSIBLY, EARLY EVACUATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OR ELSEWHERE.

NO PRECISE DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE BEYOND THE NUMBER TO BE DESPATCHED TO HONG KONG, PLUS THE FACT THAT THE VESSEL CARRYING THEM WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE AT THE WEEK-END, POSSIBLY ON FRIDAY NEXT.

It seems probable that they will be at least temporarily housed at the rehabilitation centre now being organised at Gramplan Road, Kowloon.

This block of flats in Gramplan Road, Kowloon, which will become the centre of a new rehabilitation scheme for released Allied prisoners-of-war temporarily being accommodated in Hong Kong, was officially opened yesterday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor, Admiral C. H. F. Harcourt.

His Excellency was accompanied by Col. R. H. Cooke, in charge of Kowloon billeting and by Flg Lt. B. Travers, R.N.

The Gramplan Road billets are occupied at the moment by 102 Netherlands East Indies Army men who were released from a prisoners-of-war camp on Hainan Island recently. They are headed by Lt. Col. Kapik (territorial)

commander), Major Tieland, Commander of the Ampon detachment and Captain Chaitlin (adjutant).

TOTAL OF 1,600

The billets are the first to be occupied in an ex-P.O.W. accommodation scheme that is planned to provide living quarters for 1,600. Those to be taken care of temporarily include 600 civilian internees from Shanghai and 400 families of Portuguese prisoners-of-war due here from Macao.

Each of the rehabilitated prisoners has received a parcel from the Australian Red Cross Society, and the billeting scheme is under the direct charge of Capt. J. O. E. Phillips, of the Army Land Force, South East Asia Command. Other flats to be employed for the purpose, which are all of modern design, are those in the Prince Edward Road area near the China Light and Power Company Building in Gramplan Road.

Britain Puts Her Case

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 23. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD HALIFAX, IN A BROADCAST TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LAST NIGHT, SAID THAT BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC POSITION WAS SERIOUS BUT NOT DESPERATE.

Britain, he said, had kept nothing back in her determination to win the war and now, with victory her foreign investments and foreign trade were largely gone.

Britain must develop her trade as much as possible within the sterling area, which would mean control, barriers and restrictions.

Or, work out something with the United States which will make for a freer and expanding world trade.

Britain, he said, does not come cap in hand to the United States. She will pay her way and will not incur commitments she feels she cannot honour.

Lord Halifax added that he was seeking a partnership with the United States that would be as grand in peace as it was in war.—Reuter.

ANOTHER GRIM ATROCITY

MELBOURNE, SEPT. 23. ANOTHER SHOCKING JAPANESE ATROCITY HAS BEEN REVEALED, INVOLVING THE DEATH OF A 20-YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN.

The victim had broken into a store and stolen biscuits and sugar. He was taken away and savagely beaten, so much so that when he was forced to march in front of the entire Australian prisoner force paraded for the purpose, he was unrecognisable, his face having swollen to three times its normal size.

Then for a fortnight they lashed him to the concrete floor of a guard-room without bedding.

When released, he broke into a medical hut in search of poison with which to end his sufferings. He took something, but it had no effect, and the Japanese then clubbed him until he died.—Australian Radio.

STAMPING OUT NAZISM

BERLIN, SEPT. 23. DRASTIC MEASURES TO STAMP OUT NAZISM WERE ANNOUNCED TO-DAY BY THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

The decree issued will crush German militarism, it is expected.

It shuts up all military training institutions, bans all study of military matters and makes illegal all organisations of German war veterans and the use of military uniforms, flags or decorations.

It bans the production or sale of any model weapons, civilian or military, of any kind, and stories about the war or the memoirs of military leaders.

Any German who disobeys this decree will appear before an Allied Military Court and will be liable to the death penalty.—Reuter.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 23. PRESIDENT TRUMAN, IN AN INSTRUCTIVE, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE DISCLOSED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, TO-DAY LAID DOWN THE POLICY TO BE PURSUED IN THE TREATMENT OF JAPAN. THE PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR THAT JAPAN WAS TO BE STRIPPED OF WAR PRODUCTION POTENTIAL AND TO LIMIT HER HEAVY INDUSTRY TO STRICTLY PEACEFUL NEEDS.

The instructive calls for sweeping changes in the Japanese political, economic and social structure.

THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL AND BANKING COMBINES MUST BE BROKEN UP.

Japan must pay for her aggression by reparations mostly by handing over property outside the four main islands, and the Emperor's property is not to be exempt.

EMPEROR'S FORTUNE

General MacArthur has instructed the Japanese Government to report within 14 days on all its public and private dealings since Pearl Harbor, including a complete statement on the finances of the Imperial Household.

It is pointed out that this will unveil the greatest State secret of Japan, the true extent of the wealth of the Japanese Imperial Family, which is believed to be fabulously greater than that of any other ruler in the world.

Japan will be allowed eventually, says the Presidential Instruction, to resume normal trade relations with other parts of the world, under suitable Allied control.

NO ARMED FORCES

On the military side, Japan is to have:
No army
No navy
No air force
No secret police, and
No civil aviation.

High military and naval officers and leaders of the ultra-nationalistic and militaristic organisations are to be taken into custody and held for future disposition.

The Allies will not seek to impose any form of government against the freely expressed will of the Japanese people, but America wants to see the formation of a democratic government in place of the feudal regime.

The policy is to use the existing government but not to support it. If the effectuation of changes instituted by the people or the government involves the use of force, the Supreme Commander will intervene only where necessary to ensure the security of his forces and the attainment of all other objectives of the occupation.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. Men To Do Own Job

THE 5388 A. C. WING, R.A.F., ARE GRADUALLY BEING WITHDRAWN FROM POLICING DUTIES IN KOWLOON AND ARE BEING PLACED ON THE JOBS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR THEM, NAMELY TECHNICAL WORK ON AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION AND ROADS.

Wing-Commander P. S. P. Mortar, R.A.F., is in charge. He is, in civil life, an architect by profession and comes from Liverpool. Under his command is a large experienced body of civil engineers, surveyors, building-contractioners, plumbers, carpenters, blacksmiths, electricians, heavy-plant drivers and men in other skilled engineering and allied trades.

The 5388 A. C. Wing have maintained the power-station and have run the railway since Kowloon was taken over by the Military Administration.

They have brought with them the most modern British and American machinery and appliances for airfield construction.

50 KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH

London, Sept. 23.—Some 50 people were killed, and about 60 seriously injured in a rail crash near Grenoble, in south-eastern France, during last night. Cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained.—Reuter.

OLD BOGEY REARS ITS HEAD

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 23. THE REPUBLICAN SENATOR, MR. OWEN BREWSTER, MEMBER OF THE INFLUENTIAL SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO ORGANISE A "DOLLAR BLOC" IF GREAT BRITAIN REFUSED TO LIQUIDATE THE STERLING BLOC.

"That would mean a trade war which would be disastrous to the British — and it would not help us either," he said in the course of a radio talk on the foreign economic policy of the United States.

"I think we have got to help Britain get out of the mess that she is in. My real objective is to reach a fair understanding with the British. I am perfectly willing to sit in on an international poker game with the British or anyone else, but I do not want any cards up their sleeve."

"I want to make sure that we get a fair deal if we help other countries to get on their feet," he concluded.

The constructive thing to do, will be for the United States to help Britain and re-finance her debt to return for which she would agree to abandon the sterling bloc, imperial preferences, and other practices that interfere with international trade.—Reuter.

Moscow Warning

A MOSCOW R.A.D.I.O BROADCAST LAST NIGHT INSISTS THAT JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE THE FATE THEY DESERVE.

Japanese aggression had cost the world too much for the people to show mercy to the organisers of that aggression.

The broadcaster added: Many of these criminals are still at large, forming underground organisations and drawing up plans for revenge.

The war lords of Japanese imperialism consider the present situation merely as an interval in which they can again muster their forces for war.

Java Nationalist Activity

BATAVIA, SEPT. 21.
(DELAYED).

INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS HAVE STARTED A CAMPAIGN FOR POST-WAR FREEDOM FROM FOREIGN RULE, WITH SOME EXTREMISTS RECOMMENDING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR RETURNING COLONIALS.

Some 10,000 nationalists held a mass rally yesterday with their leaders voicing demands for Java's freedom from Netherlands rule. Japanese guns and tanks ringed the demonstrators.

The Japanese still are ruling the Indonesian populace under British navy orders, pending arrival of allied occupation forces.

Nationalist propaganda appears to be handled so as to appeal to Americans. The Indonesian expressions indicate that they had expected the American Pacific fleet to be their liberating agent, instead of the Dutch or British.—Associated Press.

STILL THE BRAINS

London, Sept. 23.—Speaking to-day at the launching of Britain's latest aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Hercules, Sir Stafford Cripps told workmen that Britain still has the brains, the skill and the power to make her the greatest industrial nation in the world.—Reuter.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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REGISTRATION OF
FISH BUYERS

(1) Buyers of fish, fresh and salt, at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market must register at the Central Market and pay a deposit of \$300. Owing to the present shortage of the new currency, buyers are permitted to delay payment of deposit to the end of November 1945.

(2) Buyers who register as salt fish buyers may buy salt fish only. Those who register as fresh fish buyers may buy fresh fish only. If one buyer wishes to buy both salt and fresh fish he must register twice and make two deposits.

(3) Each buyer must be guaranteed by two other registered buyers.

(4) Buyers are asked to register at the earliest possible moment. No unregistered person will be allowed to buy fish at the wholesale market.

(5) The date of the opening of the wholesale market will be announced in the Press.

G. A. C. Horkkots,
Director of Fisheries,
Hong Kong Government.

NOTICE

All persons who, on 8th December, 1941, were drawing pensions at the Command Pay Office, China Command, should furnish without delay to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Wellington Barracks, the following particulars:

- (1) Name of pensioners;
- (2) Place of residence;
- (3) Rate of pension in issue and date when last drawn;
- (4) Nature of pension—retired pay, disability pension, service pension, widows or dependents, Indian pension, etc.
- (5) Awarding authority—His Majesty's Paymaster General, Minister of Pensions, Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Deputy Controller of Military Accounts, India, etc.
- (6) Serial or reference number of awarding authority;
- (7) Particulars of any documents which may be in possession, but not the documents themselves;
- (8) Until further instructions have been received from the United Kingdom and India no pensions can be paid. This is merely a preliminary step, but every effort will be made to expedite the matter.

NOTICE

Will all persons having knowledge of the whereabouts of the Graves of any Allied Service Personnel who were killed in battle, died of wounds, died in hospital or internment camps, or under any other circumstances what-so-ever please communicate with Major J. O. Riddell, H. Q. Land Forces, Victoria Barracks.

MEDICAL NOTICE

A second dental clinic has been opened in Hong Kong, on the second floor of Pedder Building. The clinic is open on week days from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for members of Government Departments, Essential Services and of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, who were formerly detained in prisoners of war and internment camps, and for their dependents.

P. S. Bolwyn-Clarke,
Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

NOTICE

All registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong are requested to call at the Death Registration Office, Central Health Office, opposite the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, during office hours to obtain two of charge, medical certificates of the cause of death (Form No. 19).

"THORNYCROFT"

Our Branch Office has opened temporary premises at Stock Exchange Building (2nd Floor—Room 24), and we shall be obliged if all prospective clients will communicate enquiries to that address during the present emergency period where they will be promptly handled and communicated to our executive who is now proceeding to London to ascertain full details and specifications with prices of latest models in all lines of our products—

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21st September, 1945.

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Enquiries will receive prompt attention.

NOTICE

Owners of property in Kowloon are requested to arrange for their premises to be occupied by tenants or caretakers.

The military and civil authorities cannot accept responsibility for preventing looting unless this is done.

By Order of
Military Authorities,
Kowloon.
20th September, 1945.

NOTICE

Whitfield Barracks Internment Camp

Until further notice, no visitors will be allowed to the camp, nor may any foodstuffs, clothing or medical comforts be passed into the camp by friends or relatives of internees.

By Order of
Garrison Commander,
Kowloon.
20th September, 1945.

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HONG KONG.

15, Queen's Road, Central,
Marina House.
Tel. Nos. 32361, 33573.

FIREWOOD

Offers are invited for supplying Firewood to Government from outside the Colony of Hong Kong and New Territories.

Offers to be submitted to the Fuel Controller, King's Building (Ground floor) stating—

- (a) Quantity and details of Timber offered and source of supply.
- (b) Price in Hong Kong currency per picul delivered either alongside Praya at Hong Kong or Kowloon or at a Railway Station in British territory.
- (c) Time required for delivery.

Any further information may be obtained from the Fuel Controller.

T. RAMSAY,
Fuel Controller.

THE DIOCESAN GIRLS'
SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

is opening on

October 1st, 1945.

Registration Date:
Monday, September 24th,
10 a.m.—12 noon.

Mr. Goodban will see Diocesan School Boys at Diocesan Girls' School on Tuesday, September 25th, at 10 a.m. A limited number of these may be admitted to Diocesan Girls' School. Tel. 50686.

ELIZABETH M. GIBBINS, B.A.
Headmistress.

S.P.10/25.

NOTICE

Companies firms and individuals supplying goods and services to the Military in December 1941 and in August and September 1945 before the return of the Military Forces are hereby given notice to render all outstanding demands by 30th November, 1945, in the following manner—

1. To obtain from No. 10 Staff Paymaster, Wellington Barracks, Hong Kong, copies of A.F.P. 1922 and to enter thereon all details of demands.
2. To make demands in Hong Kong dollars.
3. To attach to the completed A.F.P. 1922 copies of all delivery notes signed by the officer receiving the goods or services.
4. Wherever possible to take the A.F.P. 1922 to the Officer ordering the supplies or services and to obtain his signature to the appropriate certificate on the reverse.
5. To forward the completed bills to No. 10 Staff Paymaster, H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong.
6. Bills received by No. 10 Staff Paymaster will be held until 30th November 1945. After that date a Board of military officers will be convened so that payment may be considered. Full postal address of the claimant should be given, so that notification may eventually be forwarded of the payments authorized.

Where the bill received is complete in every detail, payment for services rendered in 1945 will not be held up, but made immediately. Claimants will receive notice to collect their monies from the Field Cashier, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

Where cheques had already been issued in 1941 by the then Command Cashier (Captain T.A.T. Thompson) these should be forwarded to No. 10 Staff Paymaster. The postal address of the claimant should be clearly given and the nature of the service or supply stated. No. 10 Staff Paymaster will later forward authority for the money to be drawn from the Field Cashier in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Miss Fioni Rutonjoo, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutonjoo, and Mr. Rusy M. Shroff, Manager of Messrs. H. Rutonjoo & Son, Ltd., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Shroff of Shanghai.

THIS FREEDOM

Stanley residents, herded together five, six, twelve in a room until the latter-day large-scale evacuations, will, we are sure, learn with interest that in the Mountains of the Moon in Africa there is a British officer one thousand miles from the nearest cinema and 500 miles from the nearest other white man. He has been alone in this desolate spot for eighteen months and is quite happy about it. There are many who have been at Stanley who will find it in their hearts to envy him. Fanatical lovers of communal life, if such there be, soon found their gregarious instincts worn thin by the exigencies of internment proximity, and there were many who from the earliest days echoed Greta Garbo's oft-expressed wish to be alone. Only a few lucky ones, left with whole flats to themselves, have yet achieved anything akin to their heart's desire. Those who witnessed the scenes on the jetty at Stanley during the early evacuation and saw patient passengers boarding the Empress of Australia, for instance, received warning of the sloughs of despond which await the pilgrim in search of peace before there appears even a semblance of early attainment.

The spirit animating the offing on the Mountains of the Moon and ex-Stanley residents is, of course, of entirely different texture. None is likely to be mystified by the urge of sternness to get away by themselves for a while. With the officer many would suggest it was definitely bad to be thus industriously engaged in cultivation of the inward eye. Yet the desire to be solitary may well spring from the most innocent of motives. The outwardly prosaic figures of Kipps and Mr. Polly are proof enough that the habit of make-believe in which most children indulge never quite fades into the common light of day and against the mass-produced entertainments of to-day there is much to be said for it. Modern inventions, such as the radio and the cinema, present a formidable threat—perhaps not quite so compulsive as internment—to the privacy of the individual. That there should be some revolt against it, a feeling that not only the world but the people in it are or have been too much with us, is not difficult to understand.

H.K.'S New
Commodore

The following appointments were announced yesterday by the Royal Navy:

Rear-Admiral D. B. Fisher, C.B.E., is appointed Flag Officer, Western Area, British Pacific Fleet.
Commodore D. H. Everett, D.S.O., M.B.E., is appointed Commodore, Hong Kong.
Rear-Admiral Fisher has been Rear-Admiral Fleet Train since the British Pacific Fleet began to operate. He had the difficult job of supplying the British Pacific Fleet with stores and ammunition, guns fuel when it was 4,000 miles from its rear base.
His great chain of supply ships operated between Australian ports, Manus in the Admiralties, and the forward areas, linking up with the warships at rendezvous behind the battle areas.
This enabled the Fleet to remain at sea and in action for months at a time, thousands of miles from base. Commodore D. H. Everett, D.S.O., M.B.E., was commanding officer of H.M.S. "Archer", one of Britain's escort carriers, before his present appointment. Previously he was chief of Staff to several flag officers in the Mediterranean for the invasion of Sicily, Sardinia, etc.
He won his D.S.O. for his part in the River Plate battle as commander in H.M.S. "Ajax". In addition he earned rapid promotion for his part in the attack on the Graf Spee.
Commodore Everett's home is at Milford-on-Sea, near Southampton. He is married and has three children.

H. K. COMMUNITY
MUST DO ITS PART

Some of you know me—and if not, some do not. Those that do know that I was born in Hong Kong.

I practised in Hong Kong as a solicitor for 14 years before December, 1941. Stayed in Hong Kong under the Japanese regime till October, 1943. In May, 1943, the Japanese gendarmes took me in as a political suspect for a period of two months and gave me everything they had in the way of tortures and beatings.

November, 1943, I went into Free China. I returned from Kunning over 10 days ago. You will appreciate, then, that I know what I am talking about—not merely theorising.

A year and a half ago, I sat in an office at Kweilin and found my eyes wandering to the big map opposite me.

It was a map showing in detail the Island of Hong Kong, Kowloon and the hinterland, and a variety of nostalgic feelings surged up in me as I looked at the greens and the browns shading the land on the map and the deep and lighter blues of the seas around.

I have lived in Hong Kong most of my life, as you have done. I have climbed its hills as a youngster, and many a time have I crossed the Harbour on the Star Ferry at night and felt a sense of exhilaration and pride as I looked at Hong Kong by night. But—I have also seen the lights go out in Hong Kong and in the hearts of its people. Dimmed and crushed by the stubby fingers of a Japanese Hand—stamped out beneath a ruthless, ground-scraping Japanese Heel.

Then—Hong Kong by night was a dull, drab blot against a duller, drabber night sky. To-day, though, I see Hong Kong again by day and by night—and at night, the lights are on again, beginning to blaze out all the way from Connaught Road to the Peak—scintillating, twinkling, sparkling and alive.

My mind goes back. I was in the Mongkok Police Station in a cell eight feet by six feet. Everything inside of me strained towards the window high up, thinking of the outside world, the sunshine and freedom that I longed for from the bottom of my soul—hoping and praying—praying and hoping—until I felt almost—that there was no God to listen to my pleas, no Heaven to fulfil the lingering hope in my heart. I say "almost," because if I should have given up believing altogether, it would have meant sheer madness, the madness and insanity of blackest despair.

And one of the Indian guards stole in to my cell-door and whispered words of encouragement:

"... never mind, Mr. Silva. You will get out and after a while the British will come back and everything will be all right again."

Some of you are beginning to lose that Fear that was the Japanese weapon of rule.

The Japs if you will cast your minds back, did not rule by the weapons of a free government and free people—law and order—they ruled by the cracking of the whiplash, and each and every one of us walked around the streets in Hong Kong furtively looking over our shoulders—afraid to talk, afraid to whisper—every vestige of freedom—that inalienable right of every human—taken away from us.

That freedom to-day is being given back to you again by the British Government. But—like all humans, some of you begin to grumble and matter occasionally here and there:

"... this ... that ... reconstruction so slowly going into effect ..."

Because we have been deprived of this freedom of action and of speech for so long, we have forgotten that freedom entails individual co-operation on the part of each and every one of us. In the exercise of this blessed freedom returned to us, we must co-operate wholeheartedly with every benevolent action of Government so that Hong Kong will get back on its feet at the earliest possible date.

Let us take a specific example. As I personally interpret it—and I must make it clear at this stage that I am no Government spokesman, official or unofficial—but I am just exercising my right to freedom of speech, a right readily granted to me by the Broadcasting Studio. I am making this broadcast as an ordinary citizen, and my personal interpretation of Government's actions—

In pegging the Hong Kong Dollar to the pre-war rate of 1s. 3d. and again

viously he was chief of Staff to several flag officers in the Mediterranean for the invasion of Sicily, Sardinia, etc.

In selling rice at a loss to Government at 20 cents per catty; or that Government was adopting basic measures to bring the Colony back to pre-war prices and to check inflation and price increases. I, and also you, have witnessed the evils of inflation without the necessity to-day of a too pointed reference to the vicious circle it creates.

You have seen in a comparatively short period, rice and other commodities increase in prices from about One Military Yen to hundreds of Military Yen. What was sufficient in January to cover a month's expenses was insufficient for half a month in March, and the result was a ding-dong battle of individuals and firms in demands for higher and higher prices, higher and higher wages, higher and higher, even ricksha fares. No one could control this mounting scale of the cost of living, and NO ONE TRIED.

You want freedom—of the widest sort—because you have had your bellyful of control and of living under the dark canopy of fear as you have known it for the last 3 and a half years.

You do not want Government to set ceiling prices, commandeer supplies, stores, commodities, organize squads of price control inspectors, make arrests for infringements of price control—

BY

MARCUS SILVA

IN A BROADCAST FROM
Z.B.W. LAST NIGHT

want to revert back to the old pre-war days, when prices were steady and reliable; when you knew in March what you would have to spend in living expenses and for the Christmas festivities in December. When you could buy your packet of 20 cigarettes for thirty cents, get your cup of coffee for 25 cents. Then, I ask you, why under the sun do you not co-operate with Government in Government's attempt to revert to those days and those prices?

Why must you continue to think in terms of the tremendous prices you paid for the cost of your living in terms of the rotten Military Yen and do your best to sabotage the true value of the Hong Kong Dollar?

Can you not realize that if you sell your length of cloth in terms of Hong Kong Dollars at six times its pre-war price, the cigarette seller in the street who has to buy your cloth to cover his person has to charge you six times the pre-war price for the cigarettes you desire to enjoy? And that the six thousand dollars you amass in this manner is only equivalent in purchasing value to the \$1,000 you amassed pre-war?

You cannot expect to act in a selfish, non-cooperative manner and say:

"Let the next man lower his prices and thereby bring back pre-war living standards, whilst I steal a march on the majority and amass a fortune by demanding high prices for my goods." And not have it boomeranging back on to you where it hurts most your pocketbook.

I called in my Chinese tailor the other day and he charged me exactly what he was charging pre-war for a suit of clothes. His unsolicited statement was:—

"I want to do my bit in reverting to pre-war prices."

Now, if everyone of us did that, the day might come again when your HK\$100 would give you a comfortable month's living.

In that Japanese gendarme goal, I learnt the real, true, preciousness of Freedom, as you too have learnt it in the vast Japanese prison that Hong Kong was only a short month ago.

When I got out of Hong Kong in 1943, I appreciated in full the inner significance and beauty of the Four—Freedom—promises by the United Nations: OUR United Nations—Freedom from Want, from Fear, of Worship and of Speech.

If you want Hong Kong, your Hong Kong, to be bathed and flooded in the light from these Four Beacons, where there had been Darkness and Despair, then do your little bit—cut your prices down, refuse to buy from the man who charges too highly, co-operate in every way with Government.

For to-day, each man must do his bit, because to-day is the day of the Common Man, or as Henry Wallace has put it—

"The Century of the Common Man"—and that means YOU.

NEW ARRESTS

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 23. A WAVE OF ARRESTS OF JAPANESE APPEARS LIKE LAYS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BASED ON THE SECOND ALLIED WAR CRIMINAL LIST.

Additional prisoners of war have been reported discovered by "merry teams" in Hainan. Their condition was reported as bad.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Utilities Revert To Former Ownerships

WORKERS OF THE WORLD

Paris, Sept. 23. More than 300 delegates from 46 countries, representing some 60,000,000 of the world's workers, are converging on Paris this week-end in preparation for the second world trade union conference, scheduled to begin on Tuesday.

The famous Palais de Chaillot will be the scene of the historical meeting, where delegates confidently hope to adopt a constitution based on proposals laid down by working committee meetings at Washington and Oakland, Calif.

Indian delegates are expected to push a resolution demanding immediate independence.

Other headline subjects on the agenda will be such as labour's part in post-war reconstruction, a workable peace settlement and several special motions.—Associated Press.

REGENT MAY RULE JAPAN

LONDON, SEPT. 22. THIS WEEK-END MAY BE ONE OF THE LAST IN WHICH THE 44-YEAR OLD EMPEROR HIROHITO WILL PRESIDE OVER HIS DEFEATED COUNTRY AS A DIVINITY.

Growing talk in Japanese and United States Government circles of the possible abdication of the slim bespectacled descendant of the Sun Goddess, who is technically the sole owner of all Japanese territory, was followed to-day by a radio report that General Douglas MacArthur is soon to meet him for discussion.

No hint was given as to the date of the meeting or the probable subject to be discussed, but Robert Reuben, Reuter's special correspondent in Tokyo, cabled that, although the Allies agreed to maintain the authority of the Emperor, there was a feeling among some sections of the Japanese that to leave on the throne a man who may be guilty of war crimes may aggravate the problems of occupation.

GAME OF WORDS

Prince Higashi Kuni and the Japanese Press, in delicate game of words have been insisting that the Emperor was primarily a figure-head, who ineffectively favoured peace, and that he did not know of many aspects of the prosecution of the war.

Interest in Tokyo circles centres to-day on Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, the eldest of Hirohito's three brothers, who was named as the most likely successor if Hirohito decides to abdicate.

Jack Smyth, another Reuter man in Japan, cabled to-day that Japanese soldiers and students who opposed the acceptance of the surrender terms tried to kill Admiral Kantaro Suzuki, the then Premier, and Kichiro Hiranuma, President of the Privy Council. The attempt took place on August 16, but only came to light to-day.

Baron Suzuki's official residence and both his and Hiranuma's private homes were burned to the ground, but both prospective victims escaped.

Premier Suzuki who got wind of the plot in advance, hid in the house of one of his relations.—Reuter.

KONOYE VERSION

New York, Sept. 23.—New York radio last night reported that Prince Konohe has denied rumours that the Emperor of Japan will abdicate.

The radio added, however, that Prince Konohe said that a Regent may rule Japan in the Emperor's name until Hirohito's death when the Crown Prince will succeed his father.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING, SEPT. 23. IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE VITAL INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES IN SHANGHAI AMERICAN TEAMS HAVE SCREENED AMERICANS AND BRITISH FROM PRISON AND INTERNMENT CAMPS IN CHINA IN SEARCH OF FORMER EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WILLING TO RETURN TO SUCH WORK. ARMY HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

AT THE SAME TIME THE ARMY IS IMPORTING MECHANICS AND ENGINEERS FROM THE UNITED STATES ON TOP AIR. PRIORITIES TO TAKE OVER FROM THE JAPANESE. IT IS ESTIMATED MORE THAN \$100,000,000 (AMERICAN DOLLARS) WORTH OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN UTILITY INSTALLATIONS IN SHANGHAI HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO AGENTS OF THEIR OWNERS.

Transferred properties include the Shanghai Power company, Shanghai Telephone company, both United States-financed; two British-controlled firms—the Shanghai water works and the Shanghai Municipal Gas company.

Difficulty was encountered only in the transfer of the telephone company because of changes in the corporate structure and name under Japanese control.

RED TAPE CUT With the help of U.S. Ambassador Hurley the red tape difficulties were quickly cleared up.

The Chinese government has promulgated a new law setting aside all title deeds issued by the Japanese and puppet authorities with return of land and other property to their original owners.

"It was essential that immediate action be taken to return these utilities to responsible management as soon as possible," said Brig.-Gen. George Olmsted, assistant Chief of Staff under General Wedemeyer.

"During the period of Japanese occupation little attention was given to replacing of parts and proper maintenance of equipment. As a result, all these utilities will require a large amount of new equipment and expert technical help."

REQUISITION ORDERS Negotiations were conducted through Maj. Gen. D. L. Weart, American base commander for Shanghai.

Utilities still are shaky in the city because of low fuel stocks, limited transportation and the run-down condition of the plants. Some equipment, including replacement parts, are being flown from Britain and the United States on special requisition.—Associated Press.

SUPREME TRAGEDY OF BENGAL!

BOMBAY, SEPT. 23. THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE TO-DAY DESCRIBED THE PROPOSALS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE INDIAN PROBLEM AS "INADEQUATE AND UNSATISFACTORY."

The committee contended Britain's policy toward India seems based on delaying every advance, attempting to create new problems and fresh complications.

The committee charged the present India government was responsible for "widespread corruption that prevails in the country and for the supreme tragedy of Bengal."

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru told the party that forces released by the 1942 movement would again try to gain independence.—Associated Press.

CHINA TO AWARD MEDALS

Chungking, Sept. 23. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was reliably reported to-day to have decided to award a China military service ribbon to every American soldier who helped China's battle, whether it was by driving a truck or an airplane.

It is understood the ribbon now is being designed to match the regular American-issued ribbons, and they will be awarded with a written order from the generalissimo himself.

Bangkok A City Of Bizarre Contrasts

BANGKOK, SEPT. 23. BANGKOK TO-DAY IS A CITY OF BIZARRE CONTRASTS WHERE STROLLING EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ARE SALUTED IN THE STREETS BY THEIR FORMER JAPANESE GUARDS, WHERE BRITISH AND AMERICAN COMESTICS SELL SIDE BY SIDE WITH JAPANESE PERFUMES, AND WHERE YOU CAN HAVE THREE COURSES OF FISH, EGGS AND MEAT FOR BREAKFAST.

WHISKY IS FIVE SHILLINGS PER BOTTLE. THE SHOPS ARE STACKED HIGH WITH ROLLS OF SILK BUT OTHER KINDS OF CLOTH IS SO RARE THAT MOST PEOPLE HAVE NOT HAD ANY NEW CLOTHING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

Escorts, with evening suits impeccably preserved for three years, dance to the latest popular hits with dusky, sloop-eyed partners in creations which look as though they had come straight from Paris, London or New York.

"When I arrived at Bangkok," says Michael MacDonagh, Reuter's special correspondent, "a Japanese soldier at the airport loaded my kit on to a Japanese lorry and drove me into the city."

Although still "occupied" by the Japanese, and still legally at war with Great Britain, Bangkok seems undisturbed by the events of the last three and a half years. Well-stocked shops were busy; trams changed and there was little sign of damage from bombing.

JET-PLANES

New York, Sept. 23. Lt. Gen. Bergt Nordenskiold, commander of the Swedish Air Force, said to-day he believed jet planes may be used for short-range flights in post-war Swedish civil aviation.

There are some stocks of rice available which can be used for supplying deficient countries where it is urgently needed, but it depends on transport.—Reuter.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 6

The Repatriation Office is open to the public for enquiries, registration, etc., between the following hours—

Monday to Saturday only
10.00 a.m.—12.00 Noon
2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.
Sundays closed.

23rd September, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 4

The following persons are requested to "stand by" for embarkation for Australia on or about Tuesday, 26th September, 1945.

AT STANLEY

Mr. J. Lawson.
Mr. V. V. Macdonnell.
Miss E. Thomson.
Miss L. Goody.
Mrs. A. H. Hanson.
Mr. & Mrs. A. E. P. Guest & family.
Mrs. J. Mackie.
Mr. J. R. Carr.
Mr. H. V. Thorne.
Miss M. Matheson.
Mr. E. M. Gimmell.
Mrs. K. E. Clarke & children.
Miss W. M. Sutton.
Mrs. W. Showan.
Mrs. G. Castle.
Mr. & Mrs. Grant-Smith.
Mr. A. Kidd.
Miss M. Goody.
Mrs. M. Adam.
Mr. & Mrs. Rozosky & child.
Mr. & Mrs. Nobbins.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Anderson & family.
Mr. C. J. E. Scott.
Mr. & Mrs. Culver & child.
Mr. E. J. Beck & children.
Mr. & Mrs. F. Hogg.
Mrs. M. Angus.
Mr. P. E. Nettie.
Miss C. Hobbs.

HONG KONG

Mr. W. A. Johnson.
Mr. S. V. Boxer.
Mr. H. A. Angus.
Mr. W. Showan.
Mr. R. W. Maynard.
Mr. F. L. Ball.
Mr. M. M. Watson.
Mr. F. Angus.
Mr. C. R. Lawrence.
Mr. G. Castle.
Mr. A. F. Tocher.
Mr. J. Royce.
Bro. B. M. Kalleher.
Mr. W. R. Hillyer.
Mr. E. F. Brown.
Mr. J. O. Fitzhenry.
Miss V. M. Witthell.
Mr. A. C. Taylor.
Mr. T. Collins (H.K. Police).
Mr. H. B. Dewar.
Mr. D. L. Davies.
Mr. B. Grainger.
Mr. W. B. Chesterwoods.
Mr. L. H. Borisoff.
Mr. H. J. Brown.
Mr. W. Morris.
Mr. F. L. Zadorin.
Dr. G. I. Shaw.
Mr. E. L. Strange.
Mr. R. C. Keen.
Mr. C. B. Robertson.
Mr. W. Mercer.
Mr. C. Strange.
Mr. P. J. O'Neill.
Miss M. Leo Fong.
Mr. F. S. Elliott.
Mr. F. J. Anslow.
Mr. A. W. Sator.
Mr. E. Dubois.
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Edwards & child.
Mr. R. H. Brooks.
Mr. C. W. Brand.
Mr. & Mrs. V. Walker.
Mr. W. W. Owens.
Mr. E. T. Matchos (H.K. Police).
Mr. F. T. Portallion.
Mr. F. Mawer.
Mr. T. K. Whelan.
Mr. J. G. Whitcroft.
Mr. W. P. Delahunty.
Mr. J. Oren.
Mr. G. C. Bousakoff.
Mr. D. I. Glazdonoff.
Mr. A. Kurrik.
Mr. C. Mino.
Mr. H. Row.
Mr. J. G. Campbell.
Mr. C. H. Buller.
Mr. N. M. Krasnoparoff.
Mrs. & Miss E. J. Lee.
Mr. N. I. Kouznetzoff.
Mr. G. T. Padgett.

REPATRIATION OFFICER, H.K. & S. Bank Bldg., 1st floor. (Telephone No. 89642).

22nd September, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 5

1. The Stanley passengers mentioned in Notice No. 4 should assemble at Stanley at 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, 25th September, 1945.

2. The Hongkong passengers should assemble at Queen's Pier at 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, 25th September, or, if residents of Kowloon, board H.M. escort carrier "STRIKER" direct at HOLT'S Wharf at 10 A.M. Tuesday.

3. The following additional passengers should also embark at 10 A.M. Tuesday—

STANLEY

Mrs. M. F. Taylor.
Miss K. G. Grant.
Miss H. Ezra.
Mr. J. Burford.

HONG KONG

Mrs. Florence Wong & daughters.
Mrs. K. G. Grant.
Mrs. F. V. Tichopad.
Miss G. Ezra.

REPATRIATION OFFICER, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st Floor. (Tel. No. 39642).

24th September, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 3

1. Shipping space is likely to be available in the near future. Persons who registered for repatriation "by subsequent ship" and who are now ready to depart should report forthwith in person or in writing to this office, or, in the case of Stanley residents to Mr. H. H. R. Priestly at Stanley.

2. Members of staffs of Government Departments and Essential Services should first obtain a letter from their Head of Department saying that they can be spared.

3. This notice does NOT apply to members of the Volunteer Forces, their wives, families and dependants.

REPATRIATION OFFICER, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st Floor. (Tel. No. 39642).

22nd September, 1945.

NOTICE

Will all persons who, prior to the Japanese occupation, were employed in the R.A.S.C. Supply Depot, Victoria, please report to the following address at 5.30 p.m., 24th September, 1945, bringing with them identification papers, if in possession.

Major G. S. Cotter, R.I.A.S.C., DAD S & T, HQ Land Force, Wellington Barracks, Victoria.

FUEL CONTROL OFFICE KOWLOON

An office has been opened in Kowloon-Canton Railway Station (Ground floor), where enquiries re Firewood and Petroleum Products will be dealt with.

Telephone No. 59958 for Firewood.

Telephone No. 50135 for Petroleum Products.

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WITH ERIC PORTMAN & PHYLLIS CALVERT

A Gaumont British Picture.

Prices: \$1.50 \$1.00 50 cents & 20 cents.

Service Men in Uniform Half Price.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG CUSTODIAN
PROCLAMATION No. 10.
ARTICLE 3 APPOINTMENT

In exercise of the power conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MEROER MACDOUGALL, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hong Kong, HEREBY APPOINT REGINALD ANDREW WICKERSON to be Assistant Custodian of Property in the Colony of Hong Kong and to be acting Custodian of Property.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1945.

D. M. MacDougall,
 Brigadier,
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

It is notified for general information that the offices of the Military Administration, Kowloon, have moved from the 3rd to the 1st floor of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Brigadier and Head of Military Administration Room 104.

Brigadier Major—Room 105.

Civil Liaison Officer—Room 107.

A.D.C.A. (Works)—Room 109.

By Order of
 Military Authorities,
 Kowloon.

22nd September, 1945.

LIFT SERVICE

For the convenience of Electric Lift Owners and in order to assist in the speedy rehabilitation of the Colony the undermentioned firms are temporarily operating jointly a department for lift service and repairs.

Address all enquiries to The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd., Jardine Building, Ground Floor, 16/18, Pedder Street (Telephone 23941).

The Jardine Engineering Corporation, Ltd.
 (Agent for Schindler & Co., Ltd., Lucerne)
 Otis Elevator Company

NOTICE

THE MARCONI INTERNATIONAL MARINE COMMUNICATION COMPANY

Temporary Office:

1st Floor,
 Shell House,
 Queen's Road C.,
 Telephone 21765.
 F. W. GRINTER,
 Manager.

NOTICE

We beg to announce that we have today resumed practice and have occupied our former office:

2nd Floor, Windsor House,
 Des Voeux Road, Central.
 Telephone 26494

PERCY SMITH SETH & FLEMING,
 Chartered Accountants.
 22nd September, 1945.

NOTICE

I have reopened my Office in Room No. 280, Prince's Building, Telephone No. 81136.

M. Nomazoo.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

I have appointed Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. to look after the affairs of this Company in Hong Kong until further notice.

R. L. S. WEBB,
 Local Manager.

22nd September, 1945.

CARMICHAEL & CLARKE MARINE SURVEYORS & CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

Mr. A. W. Black, principal partner of the above firm is now in residence at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, and will welcome any enquiries.

Kowloon Flying Squad

THREE PATROLS OF SIX AND A FLYING SQUAD OF THREE R.A.F. REGIMENT N.C.O.s ARE NOW TAKING CHARGE OF KOWLOON'S POLICING. THESE ARE BACKED BY STRONG POSTS AT EVERY IMPORTANT CENTRE ON THE MAINLAND.

The patrols are mainly on the lookout to prevent looting and are allotted the duty of picking up any man in uniform who might get out of hand. They consist of two Royal Naval, two Commando and two R.A.F. personnel. The flying squad supervises the patrols.

Passes are now granted to troops to see the town from four to 10 p.m. daily. In "bounds" is the whole area along Nathan Road from Waterloo to Salisbury Road and from Kowloon Pier up to Chatham Road, including Jordan and Gascoigne Roads.

The area west of Nathan Road, with the exclusion of Hankow Road, is out of bounds.

Eating shops are being granted "In Bounds for British Troops" placards as quickly as the army medical authorities can find the time to inspect the premises and kitchens, but the local Chinese eating house proprietors are asked to understand that the army authorities are not keen on the troops patronising eating houses where unfamiliar cooking may upset the men's digestion.

OLYMPIC SURPRISE

Berlin, Sept. 23.—The Russian entries for to-day's four-nation sports contest in Berlin's Olympic stadium have been unexpectedly withdrawn.

No reason for this last-minute cancellation is given. The meeting will now be held with only British, American and French soldier athletes participating.

No German spectators will be admitted and the flags of the four nations are still flying over the Stadium.—Reuter.

London, Sept. 23.—The Council of Foreign Ministers met this afternoon with the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov presiding and continued discussions of items on the agenda, said a communiqué issued to-day. The next meeting will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday.—Reuter.

RADIO

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1945.
 2BW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 990 Kilocycles and from 12.30—1.30 p.m., 6.30—7.30 p.m. and 9.00—10.00 p.m. on 9.47 Mcgacycles.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Beethoven Symphony No. 1 in C Major.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Variety with the Western Brothers. Wish Wyane and others.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.

7.40 p.m.—Verdi—"Aida" Act I.

8.20 p.m.—Schumann—Etudes, Symphonique.

8.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—Variety with Hildegarde, Turner Layton, Sophie Tucker and the Mills Brothers.

10.00 p.m.—LONDON Relay—News and Highlights from the Papers.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

GOVERNMENT PENSIONS

It is proposed to resume pension payments to Government Pensioners immediately and all pensioners are requested to report to the Treasury Examination Branch not later than the 26th September, 1945, bringing with them their pension papers, or in the absence of such papers any other documents which may establish their right to pension.

D.M. MACDOUGALL,
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

19th September, 1945.

Survivor Of Gas Chamber Gives Further Evidence

LUENBURG, SEPT. 23.

A SURVIVOR OF THE GAS CHAMBER AT AUSCHWITZ, DR. ADA BIMKO, A POLISH JEWESS, SAID AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF THE BELSEN TRIALS, THAT JOSEF KRAMER AND HIS CHIEF WOMAN ASSOCIATE, THE BLONDE FRAULEIN IRMA GRESE, SUPERVISED THE LOADING OF PRISONERS ON TO LORRIES TO BE TAKEN TO THE AUSCHWITZ GAS CHAMBER.

SHE WAS GIVING EVIDENCE FOR THE SECOND DAY, AND SHE ADDED THAT SOME OF THE PRISONERS, REALISING WHERE THEY WERE GOING, MADE PITIFUL ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE. "I OBSERVED KRAMER HIMSELF TAKING PART IN CATCHING THESE PRISONERS. HE WOULD HIT AND KICK THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT QUICK ENOUGH IN GETTING INTO THE TRUCKS," SHE SAID. WHEN COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENCE, SUGGESTED THAT ONLY JEWS AND GYPSIES HAD BEEN SENT TO THE CHAMBER, WITNESS REPLIED: "I HAVE SWORN AT THE BEGINNING THAT I WOULD TELL NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH."

To another suggestion by the defence that only people listed as very ill and with a limited time to live were selected for the gas chamber, Dr. Bimko replied that she had seen quite healthy persons, some of whom were due for discharge the next day, sent to the gas chamber. One of these was a young woman from her native town who was sent there for cutting a piece of blanket for use as a shawl.

Asked if the girls sent from the camp to brothels were volunteers, witness replied: "I don't know. I only know that great promises were made to these girls on how well they were going to be treated and that they were carefully examined. Whether these promises were fulfilled I cannot say."

There was laughter in the crowded court room when witness tried to evade answering some questions put by Captain Brown for the defence. Capt. Brown: Your statement yesterday that you saw Kramer kick four Russians and your statement to-day that you saw him hit people at Auschwitz is a complete fabrication, is it not?

Dr. Bimko: It was I who was there, not the defending officer.

BURST OF LAUGHTER

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FAREWELL THRILL

LONDON, SEPT. 23.

THE BRITISH CHAMPION SPRINT, HOLMES, MADE A SPECTACULAR FAREWELL PERFORMANCE WHEN IN THE LAST EVENTS BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT, HE CREATED NEW GROUND RECORDS FOR THE 100 AND 220 YARDS FLAT RACES AT EPSOM YESTERDAY.

Holmes ran the hundred in 16.5 and the 220 in 22.5 secs. in the match for the Amateur Athletic Association who beat the Mayor of Epsom's side.

The pair of shoes worn by Holmes in many championships were auctioned and fetched £5 in aid of the Epsom Hospital Fund.—Reuter.

VICTORY PLANS

CHINESE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COLONY ARE PLANNING LARGE-SCALE VICTORY CELEBRATIONS TO TAKE PLACE, TENTATIVELY, ON OCTOBER 10, CHINA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.

It is hoped to hold the celebrations on the Double Tenth festival, but the final date will be set to coincide with the victory celebrations all over China. The date for these will be announced shortly by the Chinese National Government.

COUNCIL OF FIVE

London, Sept. 24. It was announced yesterday that the Council of Foreign Ministers would meet in the evening when it was expected that the session would be devoted to discussions of the Balkan peace treaty which started the previous day, when both the Rumanian and Bulgarian questions were broached.—Reuter.

The Commandos at Taipei are giving a party for the Orphanage there this afternoon.

Future of Levant

ALEXANDRIA, SEPT. 23.—ABDUL REHMAN AZZAM BEY, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, DECLARED ON HIS RETURN HERE FROM A TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES, THAT ALL ARAB STATES WERE UNITED IN FOLLOWING A COMMON FUTURE POLICY.

He, however, did not amplify his statement. Azzam Bey visited King Ibn Saud and the heads of the governments of Iraq, the Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon with whom he discussed the future of Palestine and other matters affecting the Levant states.

Azzam Bey, who is flying to London next week, declared that all members of the Arab League were convinced that Tripolitania were ready for independence. From London Azzam Bey will go to Washington and at both these places he will convey the Arab point of view. A meeting of the Arab League will be held on his return to Egypt.—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION

London, Sept. 23.—Results of matches in the Rugby Union played yesterday were:

Richmond Blackheath 5, Northampton 17; Rosslyn Park 9, Harlequins 0; Wasps 3, N. 2 Forces 14; Bath 16, Devonport Services 9; Bristol 0, Newport 18; Cheltenham 8, R.A.A.F. XV 9; Crusaders 13, Abercromby 0; Leighton 6, Waterloo 11; Neath 9, Cardiff 11; Penarth 6, Pontypool 17; Penzance 3, Guy's Hospital 15; Swansea 19, Llanelly 6; King's College Hosp. 5, Old Rutshians 21; Westminster Hosp. 3, Old Blues 57.—Reuter.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Bradford, Sept. 23. A splendid bowling performance by the Yorkshire left arm medium-paced bowler, Horace Fisher, who took 7 wickets for 22 runs enabled Yealand to win the Priestley League Cricket Cup for the first time. They beat Len Hutton's club, Pudsey St. Lawrence by 61 runs in the final game.

Hutton got 34 of Pudsey's total of 89 runs.—Reuter.

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North League: Barnsley 2, Manchester U. 2; Blackburn R. 0, Liverpool 5; Bolton W. 0, Preston N.E. 0; Bradford 3, Blackpool 0; Burnley 2, Bury 3; Chesterfield 3, Sunderland 0; Everton 0, Leeds U. 0; Huddersfield T. 1, Sheffield U. 4; Manchester C. 0, Grimsby 2; Newcastle 9, Stoke City 1; Sheffield W. 2, Middlesbrough 1.

South League: Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 4; Brentford 1, West Ham 1; Chelsea 1, Wolverhampton 1; Coventry C. 3, Fulham 1; Derby C. 3, Portsmouth 1; Fulham 1, Charlton 0; Newport 0, Millwall 1; Plymouth 2, Leicester 3; Southampton 5, Nottingham 2; Swansea 2, Birmingham 4; West Brom. 5, Tottenham 0.

North League III (West): Chester 3, Barrow 1; Oldham 0, Accrington 3; Southport 2, Crewe 7; Stockport 7, Rochdale 0; Tranmere 2, Wrexham 3.

North League III (East): Doncaster 0, Rotherham 3; Halifax 1, Gateshead 4; Hartlepool 3, Bradford 2; Lincoln 6, Carlisle 0; York 3, Darlington 4.

South League III (North): Ipswich 2, Northampton 1; Notts C. 2, Norwich 2; Port Vale 0, Queens Park 0; Southend 0, Watford 2; Walsall 5, Clifton 0, 3.

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Scottish League: Aberdeen 4, Motherwell 1; Clyde 2, Hamilton 4; Hearts 2, Celtic 2; Morton 4, Third Lanark 4; Queen's Park 1, Partick 1; Queen O' South 0, St. Mirren 1; Rangers 1, Falkirk 0.

Scottish League (B Div.): Ayr U. 3, Albion 1; Cowdenbeath 1, East Fife 3; Dumbarton 2, Arbroath 0; Dundee U. 2, Alloa 5; Raith Rovers 3, Dunfermline 2; St. Johnstone 1, Dundee 0.

Other Matches: Gillingham 6, Mansfield 1; Gillingham 3, Reading 0.

Irish Gold Cup: Cliftonville 2, Glentoran 2; Distillery 1, Derry City 0; Linfield 2, Belfast 0.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S SECRET SHELL

London, Sept. 23.—It is revealed that the shell which defeated the V-bomb and the Kamikaze suicide pilots, was a British invention. It had a tiny radio in the nose of the shell, which caused it to explode when it passed near to a rocket-bomb or plane.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER THRILLS

LONDON, SEPT. 23. A CROWD OF 45,000 SAW NEWCASTLE UNITED PLAYING INSPIRED FOOTBALL, TROUNCE STOKE BY 9 GOALS TO 1.

Their sharpshooter, Stubbins, who appears certain to be capped for England, was in brilliant form getting five goals, three of which came in the first half, in 20 minutes.

England's centre-forward, Tommy Lawton, has been ordered to rest for a fortnight with an injured left ankle and his absence resulted in the reshuffled Everton side going down to Leeds. England's captain-left half (Mercer) went into the attack but without success.

Bradford's unexpected win over League (North) leaders, Blackpool, sent the sea-siders two places down the table, the leadership being taken over by the Derbyshire club, Chesterfield, who scored a good home win over Sunderland. In League (South) Chelsea were deposed by West Bromwich, while Cardiff supplanted Crystal Palace at the head of Division III (South) table.

Chesterfield, who showed the same form which took them to the cup semi-final, seem to have found a first-rate forward in the coal-miner Simpson who did many good things besides scoring. Only the brilliant work of the Sunderland goalkeeper, Haywood, kept the score down.

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Lift Paralysis Threatens New York

NEW YORK, SEPT. 23. IN NEARLY 5,000 BUILDINGS, INCLUDING SKY-SCRAPERS, WITH UP TO A HUNDRED FLIGHTS OF STAIRS, NEW YORKERS MAY HAVE TO TRAMP INNUMERABLE STAIRS NEXT WEEK.

DETROIT A COMPLETE CESSATION OF MOTOR TRANSPORT IS THREATENED, THESE BEING SOME OF THE THREATS THROWN OVER THE WHOLE OF AMERICA OVER THE WEEK-END BY THE GROWING STRIKES WHICH FIRST CENTRED IN THE MOTOR CAR EMPIRE IN THE NORTH BUT WHICH HAVE SINCE SPREAD DEEP TO THE SOUTH AND THE FULGURANT EASTERN SEABOARD STATES.

The leaders of 80,000 lift operators in New York are determined to call a strike that will cripple service in the city's buildings, office, industrial and residential.

The strike may become effective on Monday and if so scores of thousands of people will have to use their feet to go up and down the mountainous buildings or stay marooned for days as many did in the lift strikes several years ago.

Unless the oil workers' strike in Detroit is broken, the "automobile capital" will face the week without petrol and no motor transport of any kind.

EMPTY TANKS

Of the city's 3,400 filling stations, over 1,500 have already reported empty tanks, and the number is swelling hourly. A hundred of these stations have already closed down.

ADMIRAL'S TEA PARTY

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, is giving a tea party aboard the H.M.S. "Duke of York" this afternoon to members of the Chinese community in Hong Kong.